

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the soldiers of the 304th
Military Police Battalion, United States Army
Reserve, for their meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many fine and honorable traditions have arisen from the deep wellspring of honor and bravery possessed by Tennesseans, but there is no finer tradition than that which gave Tennessee its nickname; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Volunteer State have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great Nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the soldiers of the 304th Military Police Battalion, United States Army Reserve, stationed in Nashville, Tennessee, are especially deserving of our deepest admiration and thanks for their valiant service during the War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, it is due to the steadfast commitment of the American government and the courage and skill of our military troops that the world today can rejoice in the greater security and safety brought about by the successful military actions taken against the terrorist organizations and their leaders who were responsible for the murder of nearly 3,000 innocent American civilians on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans have accounted for a significant number of the many military men and women who have been deployed since 2001 to Afghanistan and Iraq, and many of these service members have lost their lives or been wounded in the conflicts that have ensued over these long years; and

WHEREAS, those who planned and participated in the operation that was carried out in Pakistan against Osama Bin Laden deserve the highest praise for the extraordinary valor and expertise which they exhibited during this challenging mission; to their tremendous credit, their heroic actions will live forever in the annals of American history; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 304th Military Police Battalion have performed their duties with honor and distinction; their service can only be categorized as outstanding, and their courageous service stands as an enduring example of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of the 304th Military Police Battalion, United States Army Reserve, for their valiant service to our State and Nation, extending to them our sincerest gratitude for preserving our freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.